

BOOK NOTICE

Griffiths, G.C.D. (Editor). Flies of the Nearctic Region. E. Schweizerbart'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung (Nägele u. Obermiller) Stuttgart. Volume VIII. Cyclorrhapha II (Schizophora: Calyptratae) Part 2, Number 2. Anthomyiidae, by G.C. Griffiths, pp. 161–288 (1983). \$56.76 US. Part 2, Number 3. Anthomyiidae, same author, pp. 289–408 (1984). \$56.76 US.

G.E. Ball reviewed earlier issues of this series in *Quaestiones Entomologicae* (1980, 16(3/4): 676–678; 1983, 19(3/4): 489–490), including Part 1 of Griffiths' treatment of the nearctic species of Anthomyiidae. That part contained a brief introduction to the family, a thorough taxonomic treatment of the genus *Pegomya* Robineau-Desvoidy subgenus *Pegomya* and ended mid sentence in his description of *P. magdalensis* new species. Part 2 concludes his consideration of the subgenus *Pegomya*, begins that of the subgenus *Phorea* and ends mid sentence in a description of *P. valmariensis* new species.

In Part 3, Griffiths finishes with *Pegomya* and provides separate keys for the identification of males (pp. 337–346) and females (pp. 346–351), thus rectifying one of the weaknesses of Part 1 noted by Ball (*Quaest. Ent.* 19: 490). In addition, this fascicle contains full taxonomic consideration of the species of *Emmesomyia* Malloch and *Parapegomyia* new genus, including keys to species and a "first reference list" of papers cited in Parts 1 – 3 and expected to be cited in forthcoming parts. Thus, Griffiths' finished treatment of the family will be unusual in having its list of references in the middle rather than at the end. All Ball's critical comments about Part 1 apply equally to Parts 2 and 3.

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